

ANNUAL REPORT

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1898.

TOWN CLERK.

JESSE ALLEN.

SELECTMEN.

C. H. PARKER, D. R. DEAN, F. S. CONANT.

ASSESSORS.

H. W. LINCOLN, S. H. BULLARD, WM. GAFFNEY.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

JESSE ALLEN, WM. S. CRAWFORD, JAMES PACKARD.

COLLECTOR.

WM. S. CRAWFORD.

TREASURER.

JESSE ALLEN.

CONSTABLES.

WM. S. CRAWFORD, W. R. DEAN, HENRY P. AUSTIN

AUDITOR.

W. M. ROBINSON.

FENCE VIEWERS.

JESSE ALLEN, AVERY C. BULLARD,
LEWIS N. HASKELL.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

D. R. DEAN, WM. S. CRAWFORD.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

D. R. DEAN, WM. S. CRAWFORD.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

JESSE ALLEN, MRS. M. L. WOODIS, H. W. LINCOLN.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

MRS. M. L. WOODIS, F. E. DAVIS, JESSE ALLEN.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

DAVID R. DEAN, WM. S. CRAWFORD, JESSE ALLEN.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

WM. A. NYE.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WORCESTER, SS:

To William S. Crawford, or either of the Constables of the Town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the sixth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE I.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. II.—To hear the annual report of the several town officers and act thereon.

ART. III.—To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, three Fence Viewers, six Constables, and Auditor for one year. One School Committee, Library Trustees and Cemetery Committee for three years. Also, to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" all on one ballot. Ballot to be folded as received, when presented for deposit in the ballot-box. The polls to be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

ART. IV.—To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year not required to be elected by ballot.

ART. V.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

ART. VI.—To see if the town will borrow money to meet any liabilities of the town, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. VII.—To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. VIII.—To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year.

ART. IX.—To see if the town will employ some person to take care of the Town Hall and ring the church bell for the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. X.—To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads the ensuing year.

ART. XI.—To see if the town will abate any taxes that may be presented for abatement.

ART. XII.—To determine the manner of supporting paupers the year ensuing.

ART. XIII.—To see if the town will provide for lighting the street lamps the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. XIV.—To see if the town will vote to have their valuation by the Assessors printed the ensuing year.

ART. XV.—To see what compensation the town will allow their Treasurer and Collector.

ART. XVI.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for the relief of poor and needy soldiers as required under Chap. 298, Sec. 1 and 2 of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1889.

ART. XVII.—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to complete purchase of and to erect markers on graves of Revolutionary soldiers in this town.

ART. XVIII.—To see if the town will vote to accept the provision of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1897, Chap. 254, to provide for the further protection of trees and for the prevention of fires in woodlands.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up three attested copies thereof, one at each of the post offices and one at the Congregational meeting-house in said town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

CLARENCE H. PARKER,

DAVID R. DEAN,

FRANK S. CONANT,

Selectmen of Oakham.

APPROPRIATIONS.

ESTIMATED FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1900.

Discount on taxes,	\$120 00
Paupers,	500 00
Street lamps,	50 00
Salaries,	300 00
Schools,	1,300 00
Library,	50 00
Soldiers' relief,	25 00
Opening roads,	1,000 00
Repairs on school-houses,	25 00
Repairs on highways,	1,000 00

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

We have the privilege of bringing before you the following report for the year ending March 1, 1899:—

TOWN CLERK.

Paid town clerk for services,	\$24 80	
Dog blanks,	1 00	
Postage and stationery,	1 41	
Express on books,	5 05	
	<hr/>	\$32 26

COLLECTOR.

Paid collector for services,	\$75 00	
Postage and stationery,	5 00	
Tax bills,	1 50	
Collector's book,	1 00	
	<hr/>	82 50

TREASURER.

Paid treasurer for services,	25 00
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SELECTMEN.

Paid C. H. Parker,	\$25 00	
D. R. Dean,	25 00	
F. S. Conant,	25 00	
Postage, stationery and telephoning,	3 59	
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ASSESSORS.

Paid Assessors for services:		
H. W. Lincoln,	\$33 75	
S. H. Bullard,	35 00	
Wm. Gaffney,	13 75	
Postage and stationary,	3 25	
Return of exchange of real estate,	1 90	
	<hr/>	87 65

AUDITOR.

Paid auditor for services, Wm. M. Robinson,	15 00
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SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Overseers of Poor,	543 37
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SCHOOL EXPENSE.

Paid School Committee,	\$1,888 80
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STREET LAMPS.

Paid W. C. Ayres,	\$6 00	
Thomas Tobin,	4 50	
Charles Geoffroy,	6 00	
F. E. Burt,	6 42	
Coldbrook.		
Myron A. Butterfield,	20 80	
	<hr/>	43 72

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Paid W. A. Nye, highways,	\$942 99	
Opening roads,	966 33	
Repairing bridge,	154 23	
	<hr/>	2,063 55

STATE AID.

Paid Myron Kennen,	\$60 00	
S. Amanda Reed,	48 00	
Eliza Caldwell,	48 00	
J. E. Stone,	48 00	
H. M. Green,	36 00	
E. S. Parker,	16 00	
	<hr/>	256 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid W. S. Bates for H. M. Green,	1 50
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BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

Paid F. E. Davis,	\$2 00	
Geo. H. Temple,	2 00	
W. W. Russell,	2 00	
H. S. Harwood,	2 00	
C. P. Hill,	2 00	
W. R. Dean,	2 00	
	<hr/>	12 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid Library Trustees,	\$75 00
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MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid J. H. O. Lovell, printing ballots,	\$11 50	
J. H. O. Lovell, printing reports,	18 75	
J. H. O. Lovell, printing Assessors' report,	17 25	
J. H. O. Lovell, printing posters,	75	
F. A. Smith, insurance,	67 01	
C. A. Gleason, ringing bell,	22 50	
H. P. Austin, inspecting cattle,	18 00	
Magee Furnace Co., register,	4 37	
Rice, King & Rice, counsel fees,	5 00	
H. D. Bullard, wood for hall,	16 00	
John P. Ranger, criminal case,	7 29	
W. E. Chamberlin, return of births,	25	
A. J. Holden, repairs on furnace,	1 50	
F. E. Davis, ringing bell,	21 00	
F. S. Conant, oil and chimneys for hall,	3 31	
W. S. Crawford, discount on taxes,	120 71	
F. E. Davis, care of hall,	1 00	
H. C. Fobes, work in hall,	1 50	
James Packard, service as sexton,	26 20	
Cemetery Committee,	27 00	
	<hr/>	390 89

RECAPITULATION.

Paid town officers,	\$321 00
Support of paupers,	543 37
Schools,	1,888 80
Street lights,	43 72
Highways,	942 99
Bridges,	154 23
Opening roads,	966 33
State aid,	256 00
Ballot clerks and tellers,	12 00
Soldiers' relief,	1 50

Paid Public Library,	\$75 00	
Miscellaneous expenses,	390 89	
	—————	\$5,595 83

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE H. PARKER,

DAVID R. DEAN,

FRANK S. CONANT,

Selectmen of Oakham.

LIST OF JURORS AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN.

E. L. Parker,
Geo. W. Stone,
S. H. Haskell,
Jesse Allen,

James Sheern,
W. C. Bliss,
H. B. Parker,
Thomas Tobin,

Wm. S. Crawford,
Frank Nye,
Walter R. Dean.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

To cash balance,	\$2,317 81
Use of Town Hall,	17 15
Grass on Common,	1 50
Sale of school supplies,	3 88
George Leane, peddler's license,	3 00
D. R. Dean, butcher's license,	1 00
H. D. Bullard, ashes,	2 00
Inspection of animals,	12 00
Education of state children,	38 00
Town of Rutland, tuition,	7 70
Burial state pauper,	10 00
Temporary support, state pauper,	10 25
High School tuition refunded,	184 62
Transportation state children,	80 00
Mass. school fund,	559 24
Corporation tax,	7 75
National bank tax,	9 45
State aid refunded,	240 00
Dog fund,	214 09
Interest on bank deposits,	26 91
Wm. S. Crawford, collector,	3,445 69
	————— \$7,192 04

Cr.

Paid Selectmen's orders,	\$5,595 83
Cash on hand,	1,596 21
	————— \$7,192 04

Pine Grove cemetery trust fund (Gould
lot), \$100 00
Interest on same, paid over to Cem. Com., 7 13

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,

Treasurer.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Dr.

Taxes committed for collection in 1898:

State tax,	\$180 00	
County tax,	381 00	
Town tax,	3,120 68	
Uncollected taxes of 1895,	99 98	
“ “ 1896,	273 62	
“ “ 1897,	1,107 38	
Interect on taxes,	71 63	
	—————	\$5,234 29

Cr.

Paid state tax,	\$180 00	
County tax,	381 00	
Treasurer's receipts,	3,445 69	
Uncollected taxes of 1896,	13 32	
“ “ 1897,	137 13	
“ “ 1898,	1,077 15	
	—————	\$5,234 29

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. CRAWFORD,
Collector.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1899.

FOR REPAIRING HIGHWAYS.

Paid W. A. Nye,	\$315 58	
Edwin Green,	116 05	
L. P. Green,	60 91	
S. F. Woodis,	116 22	
N. J. Green,	32 39	
Joseph Gilboy,	11 99	
James C. Woodis,	11 38	
M. M. Butterfield,	118 67	
H. D. Bullard,	106 55	
George E. Allen,	8 00	
F. E. Loring,	7 70	
Alfred C. Morse,	10 33	
Elbridge Mullet,	3 50	
W. H. Boyd,	4 77	
Lewis Snow,	2 00	
D. M. Parker,	1 95	
Signs, and painting same,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$942 99

REPAIRING BRIDGE.

Paid W. A. Nye,	\$46 65	
Wallace Grimes,	28 00	
S. F. Woodis,	24 84	
Edwin Green,	26 08	
N. J. Green,	3 50	
Alfred C. Morse,	3 85	
A. B. Spooner,	2 00	
Martin White,	3 15	
D. M. Parker,	3 16	
Town of Barre,	13 00	
	<hr/>	\$154 23

OPENING ROADS.

Feb.	
Paid W. A. Nye,	\$15 63
S. F. Woodis,	2 89

Paid H. V. Crawford,	\$2 84
John E. Stone,	8 64
A. K. Reed,	1 61
Almer Allen,	61
Edson Hapgood,	2 80
Wallace Grimes,	1 75
H. C. Fobes,	2 10
David Hallowell,	2 45
John P. Gaffney,	10 62
John Gaffney,	13 12
G. N. Briggs,	27 98
Thomas Moran,	2 00
P. Moran,	1 95
William Gaffney,	12 12
James Ravine,	1 58
W. H. Bullard,	4 37
Ralph Clarke,	88
Frank Nanamore,	2 02
W. Parkman,	6 23
W. M. Robinson,	6 77
A. F. Hapgood,	1 58
John Gilboy,	18 14
W. B. Green,	4 20
G. L. Parker,	4 20
L. W. Knight,	2 63
Frank A. Fobes,	1 75
S. J. Foster,	45
Justin E. Rawson,	1 40
Martin White,	7 00
H. D. Bullard,	4 44
H. J. Bates,	3 32
L. S. Green,	2 72
J. C. Rutherford,	2 27
J. L. Ferrall,	88
Peter White,	10 01
I. W. Mullett,	2 71
Elbridge Mullett,	5 29
C. C. Hunt,	7 21
H. W. Lincoln,	20 17

Paid E. S. Crawford,	\$2 01
James Sheern,	1 93
D. W. Needham,	35
P. McGreevey,	5 26
Everett Butler,	2 97
W. A. Bushnell,	2 71
J. P. Fairbank,	3 24
Myron Butterfield,	2 65
M. M. Butterfield,	10 76
Michael King,	7 55
Patrick King,	6 82
Peter King,	7 53
James Scott,	14 25
W. C. Ayres,	3 25
H. A. Crawford,	7 52
Harry Loring,	2 50
G. W. Stone,	11 65
Adolph White,	2 54
George Loring,	3 85
L. H. Sargent,	3 95
Geo. W. Reed,	2 10
L. P. Green,	70
N. J. Green,	53
Edwin Green,	2 80
A. B. Spooner,	8 63
Dennis Leyden,	7 00
Charles A. Bridges,	4 73
James Leyden,	10 25
George Ayres,	52
Frank Caldwell,	88
C. M. Maynard,	2 19
Frank E. Burt,	1 40
F. H. Parmenter,	4 16
J. H. Keep,	17 86
D. Whitney,	2 65
Charles Clifford,	2 10
S. H. Bullard,	3 52
Henry Bartlett,	4 55
D. R. Dean,	3 15

Paid Fay D. Russell,	\$1 66	
John Bowen,	1 55	
	<hr/>	\$417 27
Nov. and Dec.		
Paid W. A. Nye,	\$16 38	
G. N. Briggs,	18 59	
Harry Loring,	3 47	
George H. Morse,	4 20	
S. H. Bullard,	10 08	
Frank Fobes,	3 62	
Charles Hebert,	5 68	
E. S. Crawford,	4 01	
C. M. Maynard,	9 62	
Charles Reed,	6 38	
Bert Reed,	3 50	
John E. Stone,	28 39	
J. L. Ferrall,	1 40	
H. M. Green,	1 75	
L. P. Green,	5 76	
N. J. Green,	5 76	
Henry Fobes,	3 85	
Walter Bullard,	13 20	
J. C. Woodis,	4 38	
Winthrop Boyd,	2 97	
Martin White,	11 72	
P. O. Donnell,	8 91	
H. D. Bullard,	4 16	
Thomas Tobin,	2 80	
H. A. Crawford,	28 44	
C. P. McClanathan,	1 66	
Fred Parmenter,	7 70	
Joel Bullard,	7 35	
H. W. Lincoln,	18 20	
Clement Ayres,	3 25	
C. C. Hunt,	5 02	
Charles Clifford,	5 45	
Albert Hapgood,	2 62	
Frank A. Tobin,	2 63	
G. W. Stone,	14 72	

Paid James Sheern,	\$2 63
S. F. Woodis,	4 99
George Loring,	4 42
Justin Rawson,	5 46
W. A. Woodis,	4 90
Eugene Sanders,	4 19
C. Rutherford,	2 63
W. W. Grimes,	4 38
G. W. Reed,	2 45
Thomas Winter,	53
John Gaffney,	14 05
S. O. Butler,	2 35
James Leyden,	17 84
Sidney Dean,	2 63
William Gaffney,	14 55
John P. Gaffney,	16 46
Waldo Knight,	4 73
Leon Hapgood,	3 32
Henry Bartlett,	8 80
J. H. Keep,	13 34
M. M. Butterfield,	14 00
James Allen,	5 24
John Gilboy,	15 39
Macon Dean,	4 64
P. McGreevey,	9 70
Henry Cummings,	9 16
W. M. Robinson,	9 51
W. Parkman,	1 05
David Hallowell,	5 95
P. Cummings,	88
L. S. Green,	2 88
W. A. Bushnell,	3 84
J. P. Fairbank,	3 67
E. P. Maynard,	70
Charles Foster,	1 83
Edwin Green,	6 55
W. R. Dean,	2 10
George Clarke,	1 40
A. B. Spooner,	14 90

Paid J. Parmenter,	\$55	
L. H. Sargent,	4 54	
James Scott,	18 43	
	<hr/>	\$549 06

The guide-posts and boards are erected and maintained as required by law, and are in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. NYE,
Street Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid Poor Farm Association,	\$185 00
Support of Almira Woodis,	52 00
" " Mrs. Abigail Burt,	43 00
" " Earl Thresher,	85 94
" " Nellie Thresher,	5 15
" " Mrs. Daniel Rogers,	15 00
Family of Mrs. L. M. Lloyd,	28 44
Burial of Louis Gagnier (state pauper),	10 00
Sending Wm. Mineau to Canada (state pauper),	10 25
Burial of Mrs. Abigail Burt,	43 84
J. Allen, 12 trips to Holden,	30 00
J. Allen, general service,	7 00
Wm. S. Crawford, 63 tramps,	15 75
Wm. S. Crawford, general service,	6 00
James Packard, general service,	5 00
Postage,	1 00

\$543 37

By an act of the last Massachusetts Legislature, "all settlements gained before 1860 were declared defeated and lost." By this act three persons who have been aided by the town for many years, Mrs. Field, Miss Walker and Miss Chamberlain, become state charges.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,

WM. S. CRAWFORD,

JAMES PACKARD,

Overseers of the Poor.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOLDEN POOR FARM ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1898.

INMATES RECEIVING SUPPORT.

HOLDEN.

NAME.	AGE.	ADMITTED.	No. DAYS.
Lizzie Kenney,	42 years,	April 1, '90,	Continues. 365
Nahum S. Newton,	68 years,	Dec. 24, '91,	" 365
Winfred Durdeen,	49 years,	June 22, '97,	" 365
Charles Prue,	75 years,	May 17, '98,	" 260
Newton Marshall,	58 years,	Jan. 15, '98,	" 17
Mary Maynard,	34 years,	Dec. 16, '97, left Feb. 11,	11
Martha Parker,	60 years,	Apr. 1, '90, removed to Tewks-	
bury Nov. 1,			273
George Hall,	51 years,	Mar. 31, '97, removed to Tewks-	
bury Nov. 1,			273
			1,929

HUBBARDSTON.

David Rice,	80 years,	Apr. 1, '90,	continues. 365
Nancy Boynton,	61 years,	Apr. 1, '90, removed to Tewks-	
bury Jan. 9,			343
Albert Wheeler,	67 years,	Mar. 20, '96, died Nov. 7,	277
John Wilson,	63 years,	Sept. 22, '96, left May 19,	108
Henry Clark,	20 years,	May 18, '97, left Jan. 5, away	
34 days,			305
			1,398

OAKHAM.

Eunice Walker,	73 years,	Apr. 1, '92,	continues. 365
Lavina B. Field,	74 years,	Oct. 31, '94,	" 365
			730

PAXTON.

Carrie Snow,	44 years,	Apr. 10, '96,	continues. 365
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PHILLIPSTON.

Elijah C. Foster, 81 years, Apr. 30, '96, removed to Tewksbury Oct. 20,	242
Charles Dunton, 80 years, Apr. 30, '96, removed to Tewksbury Oct. 20,	242
	<hr/> 484

RUTLAND.

Elizabeth Demond, 79 years, May 6, '95,	continues.	365
Rosa Roen, 61 years, Apr. 26, '97,	"	365
John Kelly, 38 years, Nov. 15, '98,	"	78
John Q. Adams, 49 years, Jan. 6, '98, left Mar. 24,		52
George W. Hodgkins, 68 years, June 14, '97, died Oct. 1,		243
		<hr/> 1,103

WESTMINSTER.

Adeline Eager, 58 years, Apr. 1, '92,	continues.	365
Margaret Cronin, 53 years, Apr. 1, '92,	"	365
Sarah Blake, 60 years, May 23, '98,	"	253
John Brady, 75 years, Dec. 1, '98, left Dec. 15,		15
		<hr/> 998

Total number inmates, 27 ; died, 2 ; removed to Tewksbury, 5 ; discharged, 5 ; remaining, 15.

Total days' board furnished, 7,007, or 1,001 weeks.

Average weekly number, $19\frac{1}{5}$.

Miss Lois Brown continues to act as nurse for her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Demond of Rutland. Nahum S. Newton, a soldier and pensioner of the war of the Rebellion, continues to make his home in this institution, Holden receiving compensation for his support. By the provisions of Sec. 2, Chapter 425, Acts of 1898, the support of seven of our wards was transferred to the state. Five of them, as above stated, have been removed to the State Almshouse at Tewksbury ; the others, Eunice Walker

and Lavina B. Field of Oakham, remain with us by the preference of friends who have paid their board since Nov. 18.

The receipts and expenditures are as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Milk,	\$1,248 14
Calves,	23 75
Stock,	145 00
Pork,	34 29
Eggs,	43 95
Work off farm,	22 89
Board and sundries,	34 36
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	\$1,552 38

EXPENDITURES.

Paid warden's and matron's salaries,	\$595 86
Inside labor,	156 62
Outside labor,	102 24
Grain,	612 04
Meat,	188 72
Flour,	86 72
Groceries,	394 51
Bread and pastry,	71 56
Fish,	54 07
Dry goods,	73 42
Stock,	298 00
Tools and seeds,	85 51
Boots and shoes,	32 45
Medical attendance and medicine,	65 98
Hardware,	20 02
Furniture,	14 35
Blacksmithing,	26 02
Ice,	16 66
Tobacco and snuff,	16 53
Fertilizer,	51 00
Miscellaneous,	106 81
Rent,	325 00

Paid Interest,	\$120 99
Wood,	40 00
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Total,	\$3,554 76
Deducting receipts,	1,552 38
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Balance net expense,	\$2,002 38

Cost per week for each inmate, \$2+.

The net expense to each town is as follows :

Holden,	\$551 24
Hubbardston,	399 50
Oakham,	208 64
Paxton,	104 32
Phillipston,	138 30
Rutland,	315 20
Westminster,	285 18

The following table gives annual condition since the association was organized :

	NO. INMATES.	WEEKLY AVERAGE.	TOTAL NO. WEEKS.	COST PER WEEK.
First year,	12	$7\frac{7}{6}$	377 $\frac{5}{7}$	\$2.875
Second year.	16	$11\frac{7}{6}$	586	2.243
Third year,	26	$21\frac{2}{6}$	1142	1.959
*Fourth year,	30	$22\frac{3}{10}$	967	2.232
Fifth year,	30	18.89	982 $\frac{2}{7}$	2.545
Sixth year,	36	$18\frac{1}{3}$	984	2.30
Seventh year,	30	$19\frac{1}{3}$	1032	2.138
Eighth year,	30	$19\frac{2}{3}$	1022 $\frac{6}{7}$	1.829
Ninth year,	27	$19\frac{1}{5}$	1001	2.+

The inmates have generally enjoyed good health during the past year, two only being removed by death. The reduction of the number of inmates caused by the new law above referred to may make it desirable to add other towns to the association, as

*Ten months.

the cost per capita is reduced by keeping the number up to the maximum which can be properly cared for. The income is the largest since our organization; \$84.80 each from a herd of fifteen cows, besides home consumption, is certainly a creditable record. Those interested in the well-being of the inmates and the success of the institution will be pleased to learn that the present warden and matron have been secured for another year.

The above report is respectfully submitted by

HOBART RAYMOND, *President*, Westminster,
 JESSE ALLEN, *Secretary*, Oakham,
 F. T. HOLT, *Treasurer*, Holden,
 JOHN ADAMS, Hubbardston,
 H. H. PIKE, Paxton,
 D. WEBSTER BAKER, Phillipston,
 H. A. KENNEN, Rutland,

Board of Management.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DR.

Balance on hand,	\$24 18	
Annual appropriation,	75 00	
Fines and sale of catalogues,	1 62	
	<hr/>	\$100 80

CR.

Paid for care of library,	\$25 00	
Exchange of books with Coldbrook,	20 00	
For new books,	27 17	
Express and postage,	30	
By balance on hand,	28 33	
	<hr/>	\$100 80

Present number of volumes in library,	954
Added during year,	69

Number taken out during year,	\$1,821
Largest number taken out in one day,	48
Number persons taking out books,	125

Valuable gifts of books have been received from Miss E. P. Sohier of Beverly, Daniel H. Dean of Cambridge, and Hon. C. E. Parker of Holden. So that, with the books from the "Traveling Libraries," we are well equipped for another year.

MRS. M. L. WOODIS,
FRANK E. DAVIS,
JESSE ALLEN,
Trustees.

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

DR.

To appropriation of 1897,	\$30 00	
Appropriation of 1898,	27 00	
Income of Rev. G. H. Gould fund,	7 13	
	<hr/>	\$64 13

CR.

By amount paid for bronze markers to honor the graves of Revolution- ary soldiers (19 markers at \$3 each),	\$57 00	
Paid for care of "Gould lot," West Cemetery,	75	
Cash on hand (in Gould fund),	6 38	
	<hr/>	\$64 13

The graves of the following Revolutionary patriots, whose service has been verified by the State Records, have been found and honored with markers: Alexander Crawford, Capt. John Crawford, Capt. Wm. Crawford, Capt. Isaac Stone, John Robinson, Stephen Lincoln, Jesse Allen, Capt. Silas Bullard, Joseph Dwelly, Nehemiah Packard, Francis Maynard, Capt. James Conant, James Bell, James Bell, Jr., Capt. Nehemiah Allen, Dr Spencer Field, William Henderson, Lieut. Ebenezer Foster, Lieut. Asa French. Many others will doubtless be added to this list in coming years.

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. DEAN,
WM. S. CRAWFORD,
JESSE ALLEN,
Cemetery Committee.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Excellent health has been enjoyed by our scholars throughout the year, and good work accomplished. No child of school age has died in town for more than seven years.

We present the following report :

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DR.

To amount of appropriation, including transportation,	\$1,200 00	
Received from state school fund,	559 24	
“ “ dog tax refunded,	214 09	
“ “ town of Rutland (tuition),	7 70	
“ “ state high school tuition refunded,	184 62	
“ “ cash from school supplies,	3 88	
	—————	\$2,169 53

CR.

By expenses of the several schools as follows :

CENTRE SCHOOL—*Grammar.*

Amount paid Miss Florence Bothwell, spring term,	\$90 00	
Miss Florence Bothwell, fall term,	110 00	
“ “ “ winter term,	110 00	
	—————	\$310 00

CENTRE SCHOOL—*Primary.*

Amount paid Miss A. L. Fuller, spring term,	\$70 00	
Miss A. F. Fuller, fall term,	88 00	
Miss A. L. Fuller, winter term,	88 00	
	—————	\$246 00
For fuel,	34 00	

Care of furnace and school-rooms,	\$32 10	
	<hr/>	66 10
Total expenses of Centre schools,		<hr/> \$662 10

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss Cornelia Ward, spring term,	\$90 00	
Miss Cornelia Ward, fall term,	90 00	
Miss Minnie Mellen, winter term,	108 00	
Fuel,	19 50	
Care of house,	10 25	
	<hr/>	\$317 75

WEST SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss Flossie Paquin, spring term,	\$65 00	
Miss Flossie Paquin, fall term,	65 00	
Miss Flossie Paquin, winter term,	84 00	
Fuel,	19 13	
Care of house,	8 50	
	<hr/>	\$241 63

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Amount paid Mrs. Minnie G. Woodis, spring term,	\$70 00	
Mrs. Minnie G. Woodis, fall term,	70 00	
Mrs. Minnie G. Woodis, winter term,	84 00	
Fuel,	6 00	
Care of house,	8 50	
	<hr/>	\$238 50
Paid town of Barre, high school tuition,	\$45 00	
Town of Rutland, high school tuition,	57 50	
City of Boston, high school tuition,	41 06	

Paid for transportation of scholars,	\$88 80	
For repairs on school-houses,	9 40	
For school supplies,	140 31	
Supervision, Jesse Allen,	\$45 50	
Supervision, Minnie L. Woodis,	9 00	
Supervision, H. W. Lincoln,	32 25	
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	86 75	
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		\$468 82
Total expense of schools,	\$1,888 80	

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Value on hand March 1, 1899,	\$155 32
Value on hand March 1, 1898,	160 64

The attendance in the several schools has been as follows :

CENTRE SCHOOL—*Grammar.*

Spring term, whole number, 22	Average attendance,	21
Fall “ “ “ 22	“ “	30
Winter “ “ “ 26	“ “	23

CENTRE SCHOOL—*Primary.*

Spring term, whole number, 21	Average attendance,	19
Fall “ “ “ 33	“ “	31
Winter “ “ “ 32	“ “	29

COLDBROOK SCHOOLS.

Spring term, whole number, 23	Average attendance,	21
Fall “ “ “ 22	“ “	19
Winter “ “ “ 16	“ “	14

WEST SCHOOLS.

Spring term, whole number, 12	Average attendance,	11
Fall “ “ “ 12	“ “	11
Winter “ “ “ 12	“ “	9

SOUTH SCHOOLS.

Spring term, whole number,	12	Average attendance,	9
Fall “ “ “	12	“ “	10
Winter “ “ “	12	“ “	9

ATTENDANCE IN ALL THE SCHOOLS.

Spring term, whole number,	90	Average attendance,	81
Fall “ “ “	101	“ “	91
Winter “ “ “	98	“ “	84

Number of scholars in all our schools, 121.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

Three terms. Alice Allen, Edith Clifford, Jennie Sheern, James Allen, Ira Bailey, Wayne Marsh.

Two terms. Alice Dwelly, Flora Gueley, Susie Gleason, Clement Ayres, Walter Clifford, Eva Allen, Mildred Burt, Irna Clifford, Edna Marsh, Nellie Talbot, Florine Lincoln.

One term. Ruth Briggs, Ida Crawford, Roger Conant, John Dwelly, Maggie Gilboy, Willie Bullard, Owen Gilboy, Joseph Gilboy.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Three terms. Nellie Gueley.

Two terms. Henry Roper, Lucy Roper, Leroy Sanders.

One term. Robert Dwelly, Frankie Woodis, Arthur Sanders.

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Three terms. Nattie Butterfield, Iola Bemis, James Bemis.

Two terms. Morton Butterfield, Hazel Bemis, Maud Caldwell,

Paul Needham, Fannie Needham, Verlie Parker.

One term. Edward Bliss, Winfield Parker, Cressa Warner.

WEST SCHOOL.

Three terms. Minnie Bullard, Mary O'Donnell.

Two terms. Alice Bullard, Eddie Bullard.

One term. Milton Bullard, Kittie O'Donnell.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,

M. L. WOODIS,

HORACE W. LINCOLN,

School Committee.

This is to certify that I have examined and approved the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, School Committee, Road Commissioner, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Library Trustees, and Cemetery Committee, and have found them to be correct.

W. M. ROBINSON,

Auditor.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS IN OAKHAM IN 1898.

BIRTHS.

Mar. 4. Son (Edward Chapman) to James K. Clark.
 Mar. 29. Son (John Patrick) to Patrick O'Donnell.
 Apr. 9. Son (Herman Nelson) to Mason S. Dean.
 Aug. 26. Daughter (Agnes Helena) to James C. Woodis.
 Sept. 17. Son (Thomas Joseph) to Patrick Moran.
 Oct. 7. Son (Earl Clarence) to Harry B. Parker.
 Oct. 27. Daughter (Hazel Elizabeth) to Wallace Grimes.
 Nov. 19. Daughter to Fay D. Russell.
 Dec. 10. Son to Walter M. Robinson.

MARRIAGES.

Apr. 6. Fay D. Russell to Jessie M. Davis.
 June 21. Daniel E. Holden to Ethel J. Babcock.
 Sept. 21. George H. Morse to Grace L. McFarland.
 Nov. 9. James P. Fairbank to Caroline M. Dean.

DEATHS.

	YRS.	MON.	DAYS.
May 13. Louisa L. Sibley,	72	11	27
May 17. Louis Govier,	44	2	25
May 23. Lizzie Mabel Austin,	20	11	18
June 9. Phylma C. Dwelly,	70	5	9
Aug. 12. Charles M. Wood,	63	.....	.....
“ 17. Maud C. Dean,	1	3	2
“ 20. Mary E. Parmenter,	83	10	.....
“ 26. Elbridge Mullett,	43	4	24
Oct. 11. Abigail Burt,	88	2	23
Oct. 27. Charles N. Monroe,	33	7	6
Oct. 27. Sarah Ann Duffy,	73	.....	.....
Nov. 7. William C. Crawford,	49	9	27
Nov. 21. Daughter of Fay D. Russell,	.....	.....	2
Dec. 16. Mary P. Stinson,	91	1	11
Dec. 17. Son of Walter M. Robinson,	.....	.....	8

JESSE ALLEN,
Town Clerk.

